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"POWER CORRUPTS, ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY!"

Current events are confirming Lord Acton's verdict. This consummate writer of history and philosophy in the latter part of the 19th century, felt the feverish pulse of power and diagnosed its resulting corruption, and expressed it in the title of this article.

Were he alive today, he would look at man on every level of life, and seek only stronger words to say the same thing.

The focus is not merely on the political power wielded in every country, and demonstrated in scandal and corruption; nor is it on the senseless bombings of peaceful citizens as seen in Ireland, England and other parts of the world; nor is it the influence of strikes that promote hardship and national paralysis as seen in Canada recently, and occurs far too often for the general welfare. Its focus is on the moral bewilderment of society in general.

Power ministers to the greed inherent in man and will come through in its corrupting influence given the slightest opportunity. And man finds power so delicious, delectable, that it enables him to ride roughshod over the feelings, even the lives, of others, with little or no conscience.

Malcolm Muggeridge, converted late in life and now a forthright advocate of the gospel has said: "Power is utterly evil. Power belongs to the devil. Everybody who exercises power is cooperating with the devil."

Henry Adams put it: "Power is poison." Then he added, "When a man merely wants power, he's demented right there; doubly demented once he gets it; triply demented if he has it for any long time; quadruply demented if that power is great and requires great decisions."

Senator M. Lamontagne, speaking in Winnipeg, joined national leaders to say that "power groups are leading Canada to chaos and anarchy" And this in 1973.

Arnold Toynbee the historian, in writing of the grim proposition of power's corruption, approaches the Christian ethic by saying: "The proposition holds good so long as power is allowed to serve the defiant greed which is an unregenerate living creature's natural approach to the rest of the universe. But this natural impulse can be reversed by a supernatural counter emotion. Greed and pride can be overcome by love."

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This is the message of Jesus. With legions of angels at His call; with the Creator's power and authority to but speak and it would be done, He "made Himself of no reputation; took upon Him the form of a servant . . . He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death."

Are we His followers, "greedy for power," for position, for prestige? It is a sad commentary on our discipleship when this lust can control our actions. When we assume power that can hurt and corrupt. And it is too evident in the Christian community.

A recent article in Christianity Today on "The Deceptions of The Children of God" by E. E. Ericson and P. MacPherson (July 20, 1973) portrays the awful results of corrupting power taken by one man who dares call himself "Moses", who usurps spiritual and Biblical authority and who has led in the breakup of families and the breakdown of youth.

There are others who, from a pinnacle of power, lead gullible people into debt in the name of Christian service; or into hatred and bitterness and separation of brethren; or to defiance of the laws of the land. The Christian community is riddled with these and many more illustrations of what the grasp for power can do.

Let us not stand in judgment on the scandals of political power or the abuse of influence and position, until our own house is set in order. Then perhaps the dynamic of true Christian example might permeate, like leaven, the lives, thinking and actions of others.

Toynbee's choice of words must be our choice of action: LOVE. For here we meet God in Christ. Here we realize Christ in man ("Christ in you, the hope of glory"). And here we fulfill the condition of our discipleship: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35)

Love is the only power that will not corrupt.

DRINKING CULTURE AMONG CHRISTIANS

Our recent article on The Elbow Benders brought several comments and some additional articles.

For instance, we heard of one "church" that is seeking a liquor license for its banquets and "fellowship" sessions.

The increase of alcohol use among youth (14 years old and up) is alarmingly high. On a survey in Minnesota 8 out of 10 young people confirmed their drinking status. "We knew it was a drinking culture," Leonard Boche, Director of the Minnesota Commission on Alcohol Problems said, **"but we were surprised at the low level of teetotalers."**

At the 99th Annual Meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the president reported that Americans (and Canadians won't be far behind) spent two and a half times as much on alcoholic beverages in 1972 as they did on combined religious and welfare projects. She went on, "this indicates the American public's insensitiveness to their own spiritual needs and the needs of less fortunate brothers."

That 2-1/2 times ratio, by the way, was $25 billion as against $10 billion! Here is a serious spiritual, health, life and economy problem, and the cost for the solution staggers the imagination.

SOME PEOPLE READ THE RECORDER!

It is gratifying to an editor to know that his magazine is being read. It is doubly gratifying to know that the published messages are getting through.

For the past two years, the response to our improved Recorder has been good. Thanks for letting us know. Keep those letters and suggestions coming!

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

By the late H. A. Ironside

Christmas is a joyous memorial of the Nativity—a reminder to all the world that the Son of God became the Son of Man to save us from our sins.

CHRISTMAS has always brought home to my heart many tender memories.

I recognize that there is no scriptural instruction for keeping Christmas and that the Word of God does not give us definite indication of the exact date of our Lord's birth. I realize, too, that there is no record of the observance of the Nativity in the Early Church. Yet investigation shows that in several different lands a date approximately our December 25 began to be observed in recognition of the birth of Jesus, often taking the place of some heathen festival.

This has given certain people the impression that Christmas had a pagan origin. This, in my judgment, is a great mistake. One can well understand how, when the Gospel was carried to nations that were in the habit of celebrating nature festivals, it would be very reasonable to substitute something of a Christian character in their place.

Thus Christmas came to be recognized throughout the Western church as the annual memorial of the birth in Bethlehem of Him who was both Son of God and Son of Man. Exactly when this epoch-making event took place matters little. The great fact is that in the fulness of time God came down to earth in the person of His Son. Surely no Christian needs hestitate to observe, with joy and gladness, that occasion which means so much to all believers.

Christmas means to me, first of all, the realization of the great mystery of godliness. God has been manifested in the flesh in the virgin-born Saviour. The Son of the Father from all eternity has become the Son of God in a new sense, as Man born on earth by direct divine power, having no human father.

As one meditates on this precious truth, the blessedness of it stirs the heart to worship, praise and thanksgiving. How wonderful that God should come so close to man—first in order to reveal His heart to His creatures, and then to give Himself a ransom for their guilty souls! For Bethlehem is but the first step down from the throne of glory toward the cross of Calvary. The incarnation of our Lord could not in itself save men from judgment due to their sins, however much it tells out the love of God to those who have wandered far from Him. It was at Calvary that the mighty debt was paid and the sin question settled.

It is impossible to separate Easter from Christmas, for He Who was born in a stable and cradled in a manger was despised and rejected by those He came to save. His crucifixion was the expression not only of the fulness of divine love but also of the hatred and malignancy of man's heart energized by Satan. But He Who died upon that cross has been raised from the dead, and as such is the Head of a new creation made up of all who put their trust in Him. These are precious truths that stir my own heart at each Christmas season.

Then, too, Christmas means much to me because of its testimony to the world itself. Millions who forget God throughout most of the year are literally forced to remember that He so loved the world as to give His only begotten Son. Christmas carols sounding forth from thousands of radio stations tell out the glad story that Jesus has come to save. Men may ignore their message, may even try to forget; yet the melodious songs continue to sound out over the air, reminding Jew and Gentile, Christian and infidel, that Jesus Christ was born on earth in order to become the sinner's Saviour. We may grieve at the way in which Christmas has become commercialized. Nevertheless, the reminder is still going out into all the world that

"God in mercy sent His Son to a world by sin undone."

Lastly, Christmas has always been a day for family joy and friendly greeting. While the practice of giving and exchanging gifts doubtless has been greatly abused, there is something sweet and precious in remembering dear relatives and friends in this way year by year. For the children in the home, it is always a time of good cheer and happiness. Many who in later years have wandered far away look back with tender feelings upon Christmas observances in childhood days. All of these influences can be used by God to draw straying souls away from the paths of folly and bring them back to the place where they learn to know Him Who came from Godhead's fullest glory to Bethlehem's manger.

I cannot but feel that the world would lose a great deal if the warmth and joy of Yuletide should be forgotten. As a convinced Protestant, I am not in favor of observing any kind of mass, not even Christ's mass as the word Christmas really means. Yet I see no reason to ignore this joyous season as some of our Puritan forefathers did, lest it seemed to be aping the papacy. We as Protestants may enter into the joy of this memorial of the Nativity as freely as anyone else.

There is always the danger, of course, of keeping Christmas while rejecting Christ. To rest in Him means life eternal; to reject Him is to incur endless judgment. Oh, that at this happy Christmas time many might open their heart to Bethlehem's Babe and receive Him as the Christ of God!

THE POWER OF PRAYER

In our last issue of the Recorder, Dr. S. L. Boehmer offered the 20-page article "The Power of Prayer" to all who requested it.

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A Special Column To Tell

"WHERE WE STAND"

Our Authority— The Bible

"We believe that the Bible alone, and the Bible in its entirety, is the written Word of God and, therefore, inerrant in the autographs and absolutely authoritative." (OBC Doctrinal Statement)

Ontario Bible College affirms the centrality of the Word of God in all of the processes of education. In this modern era such an affirmation may sound strange to educational leaders. The idea that a book which is now over 2000 years old can have any place in modern education demands an answer which will point to its unique purpose. Christians believe that the Bible is uniquely the Word of God written, and that its message is always appropriate to every human situation or age. Since the Bible is the inerrant Word of God, its message must be heeded in all of our education, and its central place must always be maintained.

The Bible provides an answer to the deep questions of life. Men of all generations have been genuinely puzzled by several aspects of existence which seemed to defy explanation—the origin of life and things, the meaning and purpose of life, the problem of sin and pain, the meaning and location of truth, the outcome of life and history. These are just a few of the many problems for which the Bible provides a satisfying answer. These are answers which are not found by scientific investigation or rational thought, but by a divine revelation. Paul speaks concerning men who are "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Tim. 3:7). However, in Jesus Christ are to be discovered "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden" (Col. 2:3). These treasures have been expressed in the Scriptures, and wise is he who discovers "the truth as it is in Jesus" (Eph. 4:21). In Christian education the student is confronted with these satisfying answers to the deep questions of life, and discovers as the wise of this world do not, "the way, the truth, and the life" (John. 14:6).

The Bible teaches us how to live in our total environment. Man is not only an intellectual machine; he is also a moral being faced with the necessity of making decisions in all areas of his life. The question of a right and a wrong is a consideration from which he can never escape. Without the instruction of the Bible man would have little consistent knowledge of that which constitutes the proper way to live and act. However, the Bible "seeks to shape thinking, aspirations, affections, and conduct according to the claims of God's kingdom." Modern man has no abiding standard for his conduct, and therefore, modern life has taken upon itself a wandering and shifting quality. Such a moral theory gives evidence of being destructive of man's moral well-being, rather than leading to freedom as he claims. Education for the Christian takes on unchanging moral dimensions, and the student is thus prepared not only for useful living in the world here and now, but also for an orientation in and adjustment to the kingdom of God eternally.

The Bible provides a unifying centre for all knowledge. The knowledge of modern scholars seems to be so much compartmentalized. There is no unifying centre which relates one body of knowledge to another, or gives to the whole an ultimate meaning or purpose. The Bible presents God as the one eternal source of all things, and therefore, all reality stands in a relationship to God, and finds its proper meaning in God. The study of history takes on a new perspective as the Christian realizes that God is the unseen actor behind the historical circumstances of life, and that history does have its meaning in the purpose and will of God. The study of the natural sciences is a discovery of that which God has Himself created, and the creation bears the marks of its Creator's handiwork. The student who understands his Bible has insights into the meaning of things which are not shared by those who approach their study without an awareness of God's Word.

The Bible is not out-dated or archaic. Its revealed truths are necessary for this modern world and for modern education. The Bible is therefore the core of our curriculum, and every student, irrespective of his course of study, completes a large segment of Bible Studies. In this manner we seek to produce in our students not only intellectual, but also moral and spiritual maturity.

William R. Foster
Executive Vice-President

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A MAN WHO IS INVOLVED WRITES A MOVING ACCOUNT OF A BIG FAMILY PROBLEM

RETARDED... AND BEAUTIFUL

by Jim Reese*

4:00 a.m.—"Congratulations! It's a boy!"

11:00 a.m.—"Jim, we've discovered several physical problems which point as well to mental retardation."

From exhilaration to despair in one morning!

With the doctor's words still ringing in my ears I drove back home, stunned and dry-eyed. But alone in my bedroom the tears began to flow as my heart broke all up.

My mind raced back to childhood. I could see my mother as she tearfully but tenderly revealed to my brother and me, as we knelt for bedtime prayer, that our little brother would never be normal. A nasty fall had caused brain damage.

Then, a brother. Now, a son. "O Lord, what are you trying to say to me?" I wept . . . And I listened . . . And He spoke. "First," He said, "it is better to have a son who is physically and mentally handicapped but headed for Heaven, than to have a son who is handsome and brilliant but rebelling against God."

So I said "Thank you, Lord. We'll have our problems, but it won't be *that* set of problems."

Next, the Lord reminded me, "It's only a little while between now and the time that Christ returns for His own. On that day little Steven will have a perfect mind and a perfect body just like Christ's resurrected body!"

Again I said, "Thank you, Lord."

Then He said to me, "Jim, I've brought this experience to you not to hurt you, but to bless you and to make you a blessing."

I replied, "Dear Lord, I can't understand how that would be, but I'll try to believe it."

And then my mind focused in on a verse that my wife Adrienne and I had memorized years before—Psalm 27:14: "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait I say on the Lord." My impulse to blindly react was blessedly soothed by this Divine pacifier.

Finally I made my way back to the hospital to share with Adrienne how God had met me in my need. I walked into her room to find a young woman with tears in her eyes but with a smile beaming through. And before I could relate my testimony to her she was sharing hers with me.

"I just had to have a word from the Lord," she said, "and He gave me Philippians 4:4: 'Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.' "

"Wait on the Lord" and "Rejoice in the Lord." What a blessed combination! As we've watched Steven grow up in our home we've had much reason both to wait and rejoice, assured that God is at work doing something wonderful.

Several months after his birth a growing burden began to develop into a vision. "Why don't Christians make themselves more visible in ministry to the handicapped?" That burning question prompted a scouting of what Christian ministries were available. I became aware of the loving service of a few private or denominational programs and institutions. But I looked in vain for an interdenominational, evangelical fellowship which would provide a full spectrum of ministry to the handicapped and their families.

In God's good providence the keen interest of a number of Christian parents, professional people and key spiritual leaders was developed. An open meeting was held in 1965 and a board was formed. Now known as Christian Horizons for Exceptional Children, Inc.* its purposes briefly stated are as follows:

1. To provide Christian fellowship for persons interested in the welfare of the exceptional person.
2. To promote the establishment and program of specialized facilities, such as homes, camps, schools and workshops, for developing the full potential of the exceptional person and preparing him to lead a happy, meaningful and useful life.
3. To encourage and assist interested churches in the development of Christian Education programs for the exceptional person.

Many have asked, "Can the retarded respond to the Gospel?" Praise God that the Good News is so simple! Though limited mentally, a retarded person has a normal capacity to love and to trust. When he is introduced to the love of Christ a retarded person is usually most eager to respond. This has been witnessed over and over again in the camping ministry of Christian Horizons. During the past seven summers more than one hundred campers have made a heart response in faith to Jesus Christ.

Yes, the retarded can respond to the Gospel. And the witness of counsellors and parents has verified that there is a definite behavioral change for the better in the life of a retarded person who has established a loving relationship to Jesus Christ. In fact, since most retarded persons do not have the ability to be good hypocrites, their simple faith is strong and genuine, and its pristine beauty is a joy to behold.

As a parent of a retarded child here are some directives to my own heart that I must be reminded of from time to time:

1. I must always thank God for my retarded child. I must never question the goodness of God's intent in giving him to me.
2. I must view my retarded child not just in the perspective of the now, but in the light of eternity. I must see him as a potentially whole and perfect person in Christ, and I must bend every effort to prepare him for a glorious eternity of fulfillment with Christ.
3. I must seek, with God's help, to give my retarded child all the educational, physical, social and spiritual advantages that are within my grasp to give.
4. I must be sensitive to the needs of my normal children, being careful not to short-change them while serving the needs of my handicapped child.
5. I must nurture the fellowship of others who share a similar concern, and build bridges of communication and care to those who have not yet discovered the blessedness of the Divine Will as it relates to their dilemma.

One of my greatest joys came a short time ago when Adrienne wrote, while I was conducting meetings in Western Canada, that our ten year old Steven had approached her one evening about asking Jesus to come into his heart. They chatted for a while, then knelt by his bed as he framed his own faltering words asking Christ to become his Saviour and to take away his sin. I responded to that news with a phone call home. When Steven came on the line I listened as he said with impaired speech, but in excited tones, "Daddy, . . . I . . . a . . . Christian!"

Retarded . . . and Beautiful!

** For a descriptive brochure write to Christian Horizons, Inc., Box 72, Islington, Ontario.*

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THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

by Billy Graham

TOMORROW'S WORLD

We hear many predictions about what 2000 A.D. is going to be like. Many believe that the world (or at least the human race) will not last that long. They say man is now on a collision course, that we are probably heading into a third world holocaust which might well destroy humanity between now and the year 2000.

In the midst of all the pessimism, gloom and frustration in intellectual circles, there is one great hope: the promise of Christ to return to this earth. He said, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again." Of all the subjects taught in the Bible, this is one of the greatest.

A large portion of Scripture deals with the future of the human race. You will find it discussed in book after book, on page after page. I have been appalled that so many of our clergy are not preaching and expounding this important truth. While scientists and philosophers are talking about man's future, we in the church ought to be proclaiming that Christ is going to return.

There are scores of references in the Old Testament to the first and the second advents of Jesus Christ. As the prophecies of His first coming were fulfilled in detail, so the prophecies concerning His second coming will be also. Turn to almost any book of the New Testament and you will find references to the coming again of Jesus Christ. Patriots, priests, seers, kings, prophets, poets, angels, apostles, Christ Himself, all predicted this great future event.

GOD OWNS THE FUTURE

For a number of years we have been witnessing an increase of violence in the Western world. It has been said that our era will be known as "the age of violence." I don't know what it's going to be called, but I do know that the future belongs to God. To you who are troubled by the events you read about in your newspapers, to you who are disturbed about the things you see on your television screens, the Apostle Paul says, "Rest with us." What he is saying is, "Relax."

There are three problems we have never been able to solve. The first is that of human iniquity. The city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the headquarters of over a hundred major corporations. The city has solved some great human problems through technology. It was in Pittsburgh that Dr. Jonas Salk isolated the polio vaccine. Here is a city that could teach the world a few lessons. But there's one problem none of our great cities has solved—the problem of human iniquity: lying, hate, lust, greed. When Christ comes back He's going to solve that problem.

There is another problem that has not been solved: the problem of human suffering. Modern civilized man is developing a high suicide rate. He may live in the finest home in town, and yet suffer from a broken heart, loneliness, boredom, physical or mental suffering. Christ at His return will take away suffering; He says He will wipe away all tears. There will be no more backaches or headaches; cancer and heart disease will be eliminated; mental illness will be no more. All the diseases of mankind will be cured when Christ comes back.

The greatest unsolved problem of all is the crisis of death, which each of us has to face. "It is appointed unto men once to die," says the Bible. But when Christ returns for His church, those redeemed ones who are alive will not die but will be caught up to meet Him in the air. For them, death will be ended.

CHRIST WILL BRING PEACE

Not only will our unsolved problems be resolved upon the Lord's return, but peace is going to be established on the earth. One of the purposes of the United Nations, as stated in the preamble to the charter, is "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war." We have had 53 wars since World War II. Troops are involved in wars all over the world right now. Some of these armed clashes are so remote that most people have never heard of them. Many nations are stockpiling their armaments and are preparing for another terrible slaughter.

When Christ comes, peace will come. Our greatest statesmen and scholars are seeking a way for peace, but they are attempting to do it without the Prince of Peace. Man cannot bring enduring peace. Enduring peace will be brought only when the Prince of Peace comes and sets up His great and mighty Kingdom.

Further, social institutions are going to be reconstructed. We have heard a great deal of late about the militants in our society who want to tear down everything and start over. It is true that there are many injustices in society that need to be made right, but I have not yet heard one of the militants tell what he plans to put in the place of that which he intends to burn down. They want to destroy, but they have no plan for reconstruction.

A NEW SOCIETY COMING

When Christ comes back a new social order will be inaugurated. Society will be transformed and its ills and defects will be straightened out. What a glorious world that will be! Communism was an experiment, but Communism has failed. The Communists have to build walls in Europe to keep people in who want to escape. The Western world is falling into the same trap as the Communists; now we too are saying. "We can do it ourselves. We don't need God."

That is why I have been advocating prayer and Bible reading in our schools. I think part of the difficulty that we are facing with our young people today is traceable to the fact that we have taken God out of the schools. Whatever scheme for social justice is introduced, it ultimately seems to fail. In the midst of the failures of man's institutions, Christ will come to set up the perfect social order.

People ask, "Do you think Christ is coming soon?" It is the same question that the disciples asked in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew: "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Jesus did not reply, "No, I'm not coming back. No, the world's not going to end." What He said was, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not [even] the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Then He said, in effect, "There are certain signs, and when you see all of these signs converging at one point, you can be fairly certain that my coming is near."

A FEW SIGNS

Let me list a few of the signs for which we are to watch.

One is *world perplexity.* Christ said in Luke 21:25—"Upon the earth [there will be] distress of nations, with perplexity." And that word "perplexity" means bewilderment. Many people are bewildered today by events in Europe, in the Near East, in Vietnam and at home.

Jesus indicated too that there will be *a permissive society* just before He comes back. "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of [the coming of] the Son of man." The world today is on an immoral binge such as has not been known since the days of Rome. Morality and moral standards are almost gone. We are now in a hedonistic society, and what we are seeing is human nature expressing itself without God.

Another sign is *a falling away in the church.* This is of two kinds. We have a theological falling away, for there are a number of clergymen lately who have announced they no longer believe in God. They don't even believe in a Supreme Being.

But there is also a moral falling away. You may be a Fundamentalist with a big "F" and still be an apostate. You may insist that you believe the Bible from cover to cover and you may say, as I've heard some say, "I even believe the cover, because it has 'Holy Bible' printed on it"! That doesn't mean you're going to get to heaven. You have to live what you believe. You are to love your neighbour. You are to express your faith by the way you live.

Many have fallen into an antinomianism in which they believe intellectually and then go out and live like the devil, imagining that God will forgive them and take them to heaven.

I believe there is an obedience to the Gospel, there is a self-denial and a bearing of the cross, if you are to be a follower of Christ. Being a Christian is a very serious business.

Jesus also said that before He comes again there will be a time of *world violence.* Last year Dr. Martin Luther King was shot; Senator Robert Kennedy was shot. At the same time there were thousands of others being shot and mugged and attacked. In 1973 it looks as if it might be even worse. Violence! There is world violence on a scale that has never before been known.

"THERE IS NO PEACE"

There will also be *peace conferences.* Never has there been so much talk of peace and never has peace been so elusive. We have longed for peace, we have hoped for it, we have prayed for it, but as yet, no peace. "Why do the nations rage?" asked David. Today they rage because they do not know which way to turn in this age of violence.

Jesus said, too, "There will be *famines* . . . in divers places." Our scientists are telling us that even if all the world today cooperated to avert famine, there would still be multiplied millions starved before 1975. There are far more people hungry today than there were 20 years ago. There seems to be no escape; all the technology and all the scientists of the world cannot halt a massive trend toward world famine.

There would also be, He said, *a psychological preparation for the Antichrist.* This lawless man is produced by the spirit of evil and armed with all the force, wonders and signs that falsehood can devise. To those at one with this dying world he will come with evil's undiluted power to deceive, for they have refused to love the truth which could have saved them. There will be a psychological preparation for a world system of evil that will come down upon the world like some terrible darkness.

Finally, another sign is *worldwide evangelism.* "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." By television, by radio, by the printed page, we are now able for the first time in history to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world.

In the light of all this, what are we to do? The Bible tells us. First, we are to wait for the coming of Christ with patience. Section, we are to watch with anticipation. Third, we are to work with zeal. Fourth, we are to prepare with urgency. Till that hour we are a small minority; sometimes we are a persecuted minority. But we are the ones who will reign with Christ. We are the only people in the world who can be absolutely optimistic. We are the only people in the world who are absolutely sure of the future.

Are you prepared? Are you ready for that great, glorious day when Christ is going to come?

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THERE'S A WAY BACK TO GOD

by William MacDonald
(Second in a Series)

FORMS OF BACKSLIDING

Backsliding takes various forms. Though the basic cause is the same and the cure is the same in all cases, yet there are many different manifestations of this spiritual ailment.

1. First of all, we might mention the moral backslider. This refers to the Christian who falls into sexual sin. Take A, for example. He had been married for fifteen years and had been active in the church. He was an average Christian—with perhaps this one exception. He seemed to be excessively familiar with women. It all happened when he was away from home on a business trip. Since then he has been spotty in church attendance. Things have never been the same at home. No one knows what happened. All they know is that he is different—cold—aloof—unresponsive. So far he has kept it all bottled up within himself, and that's the way he intends it to be.

2. Then there is the prodigal-son type of backslider. Such as B. He had been brought up in a sheltered Christian home and was saved the year before he enlisted in the Marines. It was a great relief for him to get away from the restraints of home life. He was determined to "live it up." During his time in the Marines, no one would have known that he was a Christian. He moved along with the crowd and tried to conform as much as possible. All this time he was acting a part. It wasn't the real B and he knew it. Deep within there was a sense of guilt and dissatisfaction.

3. C was an intellectual backslider. After Bible school he went on to college. He had two good reasons for going. The first was his determination not to be drafted into the Army. The second was his desire for a degree from an accredited college. His major was philosophy. Within the first month his Christian beliefs were severely shaken. He became moody and critical. He lost the simplicity that is in Christ, and became filled with doubts and speculations.

4. Then, of course, there is the backslider who becomes a drinker. With D it started as social drinking. When he took his customers to supper, he joined them by taking a cocktail. But when pressures at home and in business increased, he found escape in drinking more heavily. Now he is in the grip of the habit, but he still feels he can shake it off whenever he wants to. When he thinks of the church and of his Christian friends, he is almost overcome with shame. To find relief, he takes another drink.

5. Another common type of backslider is a Christian who is married to an unbeliever and who has become discouraged and defeated, the unequal-yoke backslider. E was a radiant Christian girl who shared the Lord with everyone she met. Her fiance professed to be saved after they had been going together three weeks. Today she is sure it was an empty profession. They have little in common. There is constant strife in the home. The children are irritable and rebellious. The husband tells her he doesn't care for her—or for the children. She sits at home, brooding and weeping. She tried to go on for the Lord for a few years after their marriage, but now she has given up.

6. Then there are business backsliders. They may not have committed any gross sins, but they have allowed business to occupy their time so that there is little left for home or for the Lord. They seldom read the Word or pray, and their infrequent attendance at church is a mere formality. The cares of this life have sapped away their spiritual vitality. They are victims of covetousness and materialism.

And there are many others. Some who are disappointed in love, or suffer some great reverse, become cold and carnal. Instead of accepting these things as God's will and as blessings in disguise, they pout and sulk and lose the spiritual glow.

Some have an unforgiving spirit. They have been wronged, and everyone knows it. But they are unwilling to forgive and forget. And so they become vindictive and pharisaical and without mercy. God cannot grant parental forgiveness to believers who are unwilling to forgive one another.[1]

Many Christians lapse into a backslidden condition through constant bickering in the home. Some minor disagreement shatters the peace of the household. The walls vibrate with strife. Diplomatic relations between husband and wife are severed. The family altar is discontinued; it would be a farce to pray together when they can't even talk civilly to one another. Neither is willing to give in; they are as unyielding as bars of iron. Each one thinks he is right, not realizing that both are in a backslidden state.

And so we could go on. There are any number of forms in which backsliding can manifest itself. But it all stems from sin—disobedience, immorality, lack of love, unwillingness to forgive, worldliness, covetousness and so forth.

Perhaps it will surprise some to know that true believers can get as far away from the Lord as the cases just cited. Then it may be helpful to remind ourselves that:

David was a moral backslider. He committed the sins of adultery and murder.[2] Noah committed the sin of drunkenness after he had been saved through the flood of God's judgment.[3] Lot was a business backslider. He sought for prestige and wealth in Sodom.[4]

And these were all restored to fellowship with the Lord. If they could be restored, so can any true believer who has wandered away.

[1] Matthew 6:14, 15
[2] II Samuel 11:1-27
[3] Genesis 9:20, 21
[4] Genesis 13:7-11; 19:1-28

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We are grateful that God has laid His hand on such a man as Dr. George C. R. Matheson.

MORE ABOUT THE ARK

Tom Harpur, World of Religion Editor for the Toronto Star carried some additional material in that paper on September 15, 1973. Under the spine tingling (for Canadians!) caption

"CANADIANS HOPING TO PROVE THE ARK IS ON MT. ARARAT."

Mr. Harpur writes:

"High up on the side of an inhospitable mountain peak that rises 17,000 feet above the tense frontier between Turkey and Soviet Armenia lies a mystery. Buried in a glacier, in a deep crevasse at the 14,000-foot level of Mt. Ararat, there are ancient timbers from an unknown, man-made structure.

"Some people, including their discoverer, Fernand Navarra, a French demolition expert from Bordeaux, believe them to be part of the skeleton of a huge, 5,000-year-old ship—none other than Noah's ark!

"And now a group of Canadians is considering an expedition to Turkey to establish whether the remains of the ark still lie on the mountain . . .

"As early as 300 B.C. Berossus, a Babylonian priest-historian, wrote that pieces of the ark were being used by the Armenians as amulets and lucky charms.

"Most modern biblical scholars, however, with their critical approach to scripture, have tended to scoff at the whole idea. The majority regard the opening chapters of Genesis, including the account of Noah and the ark, as religious myth rather than literal history.

"Whoever is right—and all the evidence is not yet in on either side—the modern search for the ark is one of the most exciting, and at the same time, bizarre religious stories of our time.

"It was in the summer of 1955 that Navarra, who was then 40, climbed Ararat accompanied only by his 11-year-old son, Raphael. Two previous ascents had proved fruitless, one in 1952, the other in 1953. He was spurred on as a result of research prompted by a story once told to him by a young Armenian named Alim. While they were climbing a mountain together in 1937, Alim told him that his grandfather had once visited the top of Ararat and that the ark was still there.

"This time, after braving rock slides, storms and bitter cold, Navarra, almost at the point of turning back, stumbled upon a deep crevasse with a luminous ice-cave at the bottom. Using a rope ladder, he and the boy made the descent and discovered wooden beams embedded under the ice.

"In his book, *The Forbidden Mountain*, he describes the find:

'Then, under the pierced ice core, water appeared, and in the water the extremity of a dark beam. Not believing my eyes, I touched it, dug my nails into it. But I was not dreaming. I was really touching a piece of wood . . . wood that had been worked and not the trunk of a tree. I wanted to cry, to kneel right there and thank God for this success.'

Tests for Age

"Navarra cut a five-foot piece of the beam into smaller pieces so as to get it out in his pack—as well as past the Turkish patrols. The wood, tested later in Madris, Paris and Bordeaux, proved to be a type of white oak not found within 300 miles of Ararat.

"Precise dating is difficult and there is still some controversy. Tests in Europe based on the degree of lignite formation, gain in density, cell modification and the degree of fossilization, indicated 'great antiquity' of close to 5,000 years. American tests, using the radio-carbon technique—carbon 14—showed an age of from 1,300 to 1,700 years.

"In telephone interviews this week from France, Navarra told The Star that further radio-carbon tests have supported the older dating. The evidence, he claims, will appear in his new book, *Noah's Ark Exists*, due to be published in French this December.

" 'I am totally convinced that Noah's ark is on top of Mt. Ararat waiting to be fully excavated from the glacier.' he said.

Other Expeditions

"Naturally his find touched off a furore both in scientific and religious circles. Fundamentalist Christians in particular were jubilant. At the same time preparations were made by a series of religious groups to carry out further expeditions. Scarcely a summer has passed since 1955 without one or more attempts to follow Navarra's lead, often with bitter rivalry.

"The Turks, in spite of being in NATO, are extremely sensitive about Americans in particular operating freely along their border with the Soviet Union. Permission to do anything other than climb up by the relatively easy tourist route on Ararat has grown well-nigh impossible to obtain. In any case, most of those going have been rank amateurs with little hope of discovering anything.

"One exception has been SEARCH, a U.S.-based foundation with two Canadians on its board of directors. In 1969, with Fernand Navarra as guide and assisted by Ralph Lenton, chief logistics officer for the prestigious Arctic Institute of North America, they returned to the 1955 location.

"They found that the ice formation had changed considerably, concealing the larger timbers discovered by Navarra. However, in probing a small pool near the glacier's edge, several pieces of weathered planking were found. The largest was 18 inches long, four inches wide, and an inch thick.

"Again the wood proved to be white oak, but two American laboratories have put its age at about 1,400 years—an extraordinary find, but not old enough for the ark.

"Lenton, aged 50, is a polar explorer with 25 years' experience. He has lived in the Arctic for eight years and was deputy-leader of the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic exploration, 1955-1958. Under Sir Vivian Fuchs he was in the first party of men ever to cross the 2,157 miles of frozen terrain.

"Interviewed at the Arctic Institute's offices in Montreal, Lenton described the 1969 Ararat expedition and showed film both of it and of Navarra's 1955 climb.

" 'I am not an extreme fundamentalist, but I do believe the Bible,' he said. 'Archaeology so far has upheld biblical truth. In my view there was a Noah's ark that came to rest on Mt. Ararat.

" 'One early account says the ark used to be lower down the mountain but that it was taken up and rebuilt near the peak as a shrine during a time of plague about 400 A.D. The planks we found in 1969 could be part of the newer wood used at that juncture.'

"Lenton, a member of the Missionary Alliance Church, said he was project director for a 1970 attempt on Ararat, but that the entire group arrived in Turkey only to be told they had been refused the necessary permissions. After several weeks of frustration in Ankara, they were forced to return empty-handed and some $60,000 poorer.

"Like the president of SEARCH, John M. Bradley, Jr. of Birmingham, Ala., he now feels that a Canadian-based operation might have a greater chance of success . . .

"James S. Graham, a Vancouver mil-

lionaire, who like Lenton is a director of SEARCH and has backed the project substantially, also says he is intensely interested in a Canadian approach 'but only if it is properly managed and has clear, scientific aims".

"Graham feels Navarra is 'wholly trustworthy' and should be the one to lead any further attempts: 'The various religious groups are getting nowhere because of their disunity and, at times, excessive desire for personal glory. They are more ruled by heart than head.'

"Lenton expressed his hopes for the future this way: 'What we really need is a wholly new organization to go back and scientifically clear out the Navarra site. If the ark is there we should be able to find timbers requiring a ship-like object to explain their shape. Whatever is there is worth exploring.'

"All the scholars consulted by The Star agreed that the site should be thoroughly investigated. Beyond that, however, there was total disagreement.

"Prof. R. K. Harrison, who teaches Old Testament in the Toronto School of Theology and is the author of numerous books and articles on the ancient Near East, said: 'There is obviously an artifact of some kind on Ararat at the 14,000-foot level. How did it get there and when? Personally I believe it to be possible that the ark is there. I see the Genesis stories as ancient history writing and not as myths. So many of the apparent legends in scripture have turned out to be true and to have had a basis of truth that liberal scholars have been too ready to dismiss.'

Debate Continues

"On the other hand, Prof. John S. Halladay, Jr., of the Department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Toronto, an expert on Syrian and Palestinian archaeology, is completely sceptical: 'What you have in the Genesis story of the flood is myth and not fact. The story of a flood, an ark and all the rest is common in a number of ancient traditions, some of them older than the account in Genesis, for example, in the Gilgamesh epic.'

"So the debate goes on. The expeditions go on too. Word has just been received that another attempt, an informal one, by concerned Christians, was rebuffed this summer by the Turkish government. It never reached the mountain base.

"Meanwhile, the mystery remains, locked in the swirling snow and glacial ice on Ararat."

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SEARCH FOR ARK STYMIED

Evangelical Press (8/25/73): The most favorable weather in years is apparently going to waste as John Morris' second Ark expedition cools its heels in Turkey.

For several weeks now, Morris and team mates have been trying vainly to have their mountain climbing permit reinstated by the Turkish government.

Morris, a San Diego field scientist for the Institute of Creation Research, and leader of the expedition, left for Turkey two weeks ahead of the main body of his team and obtained a permit to climb Mount Ararat in search of Noah's Ark.

As the main body of the team reached New York en route to Turkey, they were turned back by news that the permit had been revoked because a Texas team had climbed the mountain illegally. Several members of the team were so determined, however, that they flew to Turkey a week later to help Morris. To date there is no progress toward getting a new permit.

The summer of 1973 is one such as occurs only about once in every 10 years—very warm, with glaciers melting more than usual. It would be an ideal year to search for the Ark, which may possibly be protruding from the ice which reportedly holds it captive.

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FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR SOUND CHRISTIAN ESTATE PLANNING

Ian J. Stanley*

It has been extremely difficult for most Canadians to keep abreast of all the legislative amendments at the Federal and Provincial levels of government which affect estate planning and charitable giving, especially those changes which have occurred within the last three years.

This is apart from the difficulty of interpreting these changes in order to arrive at meaningful criteria when planning one's own estate.

In the light of these amendments, Canada could be facing serious and detrimental changes in government attitudes towards charitable giving. Also, confusion now exists among many charitable organizations, and uncounted dollars are being and have been wasted through unnecessary duplication in trying to interpret these changes.

In 1972 the Federal Government vacated the estate and gift tax field with the introduction of the new income tax act. The ramifications of this major legislative change are:

- taxation of capital gain assets gifted or bequeathed to registered Canadian charities.
- an obvious reversal of the Federal Government's position held under the former Estate and Gift Tax Acts of encouraging charitable giving through tax incentives.

The detrimental effect of this attitude was made known to the Federal Government through representation made during 1971. Then, Canadians have seen constant amendments by Provincial Government in respect to succession duties. One province has vacated the field entirely, others are undecided what course of action to take in the future, and some are modifying existing legislation which virtually exempts most Canadians from paying any inheritance tax because the estate levels for exemption have been liberally increased.

A large number of charitable organizations have independently prepared their own programs for charitable giving and because of this, inaccurate, misleading and often contradictory information has been published. As a result, conflict and confusion in the minds of the giving public now exists and calls for some form of basic uniformity and consistency amongst charitable organizations.

Compared with that of the United States, Christian stewardship in Canada is still in its infancy. There exists serious concern among many of the Christian charitable organizations in Canada that giving to charity is declining. *In fact, the statistics published by the income tax department of Ottawa would indicate that Canada is far from being a nation that is concerned with the welfare and well-being of other under-developed countries in the world.* For instance, in 1970, 83% of all the income tax returns filed in Ottawa simply claimed the $100 charitable deduction. This of course was claimed regardless of whether gifts to charitable organizations were made or not.

Of the remaining 17% who attached charitable receipts with their tax return because their givings exceeded the $100 basic allowance, the average of these gifts among these people did not exceed $235 in this taxation year. On the other hand, we note from the figures published in the United States, that charitable giving in the past ten years has gone from 11 billion dollars to 22 billion dollars.

For the Christian estate planner and those involved in providing stewardship counsel through charitable organizations, the situation has now reached the point where we must conserve the Lord's money by eliminating unnecessary duplication in terms of research, legal advice, stewardship training and other common development areas among charitable organizations. Towards such a purpose, the Canadian Council of Christian Charities has been established.

This Council is a non-profit organization established to assist individuals and organizations by keeping them abreast of all current changes in Canadian laws which affect charitable giving, and by communicating other information which deals specifically with estate planning and the most important ministry of personal stewardship. *The Canadian Council of Christian Charities is publishing a quarterly bulletin called the C.C.C.C. Educator.* This is a commentary on charitable giving in Canada and is made available to individuals and organizations who wish to become members in this Christian-oriented organization.

If you would be interested in receiving the Prospectus and introductory issue of the Educator from the Canadian Council, we would urge you to write P.O. Box 781-B, Willowdale, Ontario, M2K 2R3. This material will be sent to you without any obligation.

It has been said that Canada as a nation is spiritually starving on a mountain of gold. Whether this is true or not, Christians in Canada must be challenged to the numerous opportunities now available to them through which the blessings of God can be channelled into an effective ministry of outreach where evangelism and social Christian action is combined to win souls for His glory.

Christian organizations that serve the body of Christ in a specific ministry, as well as many of the protestant evangelical denominations in Canada, fully recognize the existing problem of personal Christian stewardship.

Before Christ's soon return, much can be done by Christian organizations and individual Christians in sharing and promoting the blessing that comes when we follow our Lord's command when He said, "It is better to give than to receive." His promise in Luke 6:38 still applies to all who take this course of action in their Christian life. He *will* and *does* bless them.

** Mr. Stanley is the Chairman of the newly formed Canadian Council of Christian Charities (C.C.C.C.). This organization is to help Christian institutions (such as O.B.C.) and individuals in responsible stewardship.*

"The object of evangelism is conversion, conversion to Christ and personal discipleship to Him. But involved also in this conversion are conversion to the Christian community and conversion to Christian ideas and ideals."

Daniel T. Niles
in "That They Might Have Life"

1874

WE'RE PROUD OF THE R.C.M.P.

We salute the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on their Centennial Anniversary.

Formed in 1873 as the North West Mounted Police, and later called the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to show its more national scope, the officers and men have helped make Canadian history.

And uphold the law. And help the underprivileged and needy.

This police force has been an arm of the law, but on that arm has been a hand of brotherhood and friendship. The early story of the group reveals a strong religious conviction on the part of leaders and men, doubtless more than mere tradition.

An early woodcut of those first days shows the men enjoying open air church services as part of Sunday life in the far flung camps.

1898

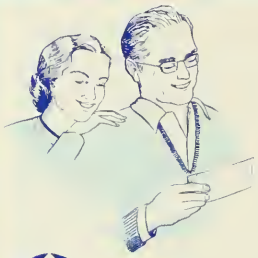
During the years the R.C.M.P. has developed into one of the great law enforcement bodies of the world—perhaps one of the few that holds national and personal dignity at a high level.

Canadians can be grateful for the freedoms enjoyed in this marvellous land of Canada. Much of the credit for maintaining freedom and stability goes to the great law enforcement agencies such as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

As R.C.M.P. Commissioner W. L. Higgitt wrote earlier this year, of the close ties the organization has with people: Let us "reaffirm and strengthen this bond of friendship which is vital if we are to continue to give the high quality of service that the Canadian people have come to expect."

The Bible commands us to respect authority, to pray for those in positions of power, and to obey the laws of the land. This is a pledge we might all renew today.

1973



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WRITE MELVIN L. STEINMANN, DEPT. OF STEWARDSHIP, ONTARIO BIBLE COLLEGE

NON-SMOKERS ARE SAFE DRIVERS

Why are non-smokers safer drivers than smokers? According to a statement issued by the Ontario Safety League, a research study involving 3000 men between 17 and 20 revealed that for constant smokers there were 75 accidents per 100 drivers; for occasional smokers the figure was 59; while drivers who never smoked had only 48 accidents per 100.

Incidentally, two tentative explanations also came out: a) smokers may have personality traits or nervous problems conducive to accidents; and b) smoking increases carbon monoxide in a car and causes an oxygen deficiency with a lower perception and reaction time resulting.

Anyway it's a bad habit, and for the Christian the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:19). Don't abuse it. Present it to God as a "living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1, 2).

Alumnus of the Year, 1973

ROBERT Service was the poet of the pioneer. The cold, rugged northlands called out the best (and sometimes the worst) in the men who cut the ties of civilization, home, family and comforts, and headed for the gold and furs that awaited the worker.

Of one of these "sourdoughs", Service has written:

"A man with the heart of a Viking,
And the simple faith of a child."

There is also another type of pioneer, rugged, self-sacrificing, individualistic, who might better exemplify the heart-courage and saga of the Viking and the paradoxical, simple faith of the child.

This is the pioneer missionary, who for the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom, went out in the early part of this century to the unknown, often dangerous, countries of the third world. Their number has been legion.

Africa had its Livingstone, Moffat and Slessor. China had Taylor, Morrison and Studd. India had Carey, Ward and Duff.

And India also had

SILAS F. FOX

Mr. Fox was a graduate of Ontario Bible College in 1916. That same year, without benefit of Board or Society, he sailed for India, and for the next half century carried on a most unusual ministry.

Mr. Fox and his young wife left, two days after their wedding, on November 25, 1916 for the land that was to be their own in a most unique way.

First under the Ceylon & India General Mission (now the International Christian Fellowship), then in that vigorous independence so characteristic of the man, their ministry of itinerant evangelism and Bible teaching took him throughout the whole of Telugu speaking India.

Adept in the Telugu language, he preached and ministered the gospel in fulfillment of his College motto: "Holding Forth The Word Of Life".

But when literature as a missionary arm was still largely an idea or in its infancy, he edited a vernacular newspaper, the "Kristava Nikrishna" (the Christian Hope), distributing it and other gospel literature far and wide. He produced gospel recordings, speaking and singing in his own inimitable fashion. His evangelistic and church planting ministry is part of this century's missionary annals of India. And while he usually spoke in Telugu or through an interpreter, this unusual man could speak conversationally in several other languages. He was human enough to enjoy correcting his Indian interpreter on occasion!

In all this work, Mrs. Fox was his constant helpmeet, secretary and often the necessary restraint on a strong, outgoing personality.

An aggressive, completely dedicated missionary, he knew the consuming passion of St. Paul who expressed it as "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel". He will long be remembered by the Telugu people for his untiring efforts in preaching Christ.

It is to the glory of God, that through the skilful workmanship of Silas Fox, when India became independent, the young and vigorous church he had seen established was able to stand without foreign aid.

His wife and family were all part of this unusual missionary commitment. It is therefore with deep pleasure and satisfaction that we announce the selection of

SILAS F. FOX '16
1973 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

God grant that in His kingdom and in this new day there will be many another like him, a

"Man with the heart of a Viking,
And the simple faith of a child."

D.C.P.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING '73

THERE was only one thing wrong with Alumni Homecoming '73—WHERE WERE YOU?

For the 200 who did attend, it was a time of nostalgia (the Class of 1923 entered the Golden Mile Chapter); reminiscences (the classes of '70, '71, '72 and '73 focused on their peers who are now scattered around the world); and good fellowship (is there anything comparable to O.B.C. Fellowship?).

Rev. Alex McCombie '52, speaker at Alumni Banquet.

Alumni News

Compiled by: Ione Essery

But we missed many who should have been there. What about next year?

The Banquet at the Queen Elizabeth building was the highlight of the Homecoming. The Executive did an excellent job of planning and programming. To meet old and new friends; to hear wonderful O.B.C. music (will you soon lose the thrill and chill of "The King Is Coming" as sung by the Ladies' Trio?); to hear Rev. Alex McCombie affirm his appreciation for O.B.C. and the training received there; and to hear his strong, Biblical message that so glorified the Lord Jesus Christ—these made the evening.

These were all capped by the presentation of the inimitable Silas Fox, Alumnus of the Year. How we laughed, rejoiced and even applauded this modern Paul. And how grateful we are that as Alumni we SHARE in all that he, and 4500 others, have done and are doing in the Kingdom of God.

Yes—Alumni Homecoming '73 was good. Sorry for you if you missed it.

D.C.P.

ON THE HOME FRONT

☐ MR. & MRS. HAROLD BELL '65-'66 (PAT WARNER '65-'66) on leave of absence from Zambia (A.E.F.). He is teaching in Collingwood, Ont.

☐ MR. PAUL BANCROFT, B.R.E. '68 graduated from the School of Social Work, McMaster University in May/73, with B.A., B.S.W. He is now a social worker at the Arrell Observation Home for Children in Hamilton, Ont.

☐ REV. & MRS. BERT BARBER '46, in Orange City, Fla., where he is Director of Aldersgate Retirement Centre.

☐ MR. GORDON COX, B.Th. '73, commenced his ministry in Sept. as pastor of Arthur Baptist Church.

☐ MISS VERONA DUTTON, B.R.E. '67, has been serving in the office of F.E.G.C., Michigan, as secretary to the Personnel Secretary for the past six years. She has recently visited the Philippines, Japan and Taiwan.

☐ MR. PERRY FERNS, B.R.E. '68 is a

part-time lecturer in Carleton University, Ottawa, while continuing his studies toward a Ph.D. degree. He spent a year in Kenya doing research on "Tropical Africa".

☐ REV. GORDON GILMORE, B.R.E. '72 was ordained on Sept. 16, 1973, and is pastor of Port Colborne Brethren in Christ Church.

☐ MRS. ROBERT HANDS (RUTH FYNNEY, B.R.E. '65) received her B.A. from the University of Toronto, June 5, 1973.

☐ MISS JOYCE HATCH '53 (A.B.W.E.) has been granted a two-year leave of absence to continue university studies. She has been serving in Brazil, S.A.

☐ REV. PAUL HOPE, B.Th. '69, was ordained on July 21, 1973. He is pastor of Churchill Baptist Church, Churchill, Ont.

☐ MR. RAYMOND JOHNSON, B.Th. '73, is pastoring the Stouffville Baptist Church.

☐ MR. STEPHEN JONES, B.R.E. '73, is serving the Brooker Baptist Church in Cottam, Ont. as pastor, and is also attending the University of Windsor.

☐ MR. STEPHEN JUNG, B.Th. '59, commenced his ministry as interim pastor of Crenshaw Christian Reformed Church in Los Angeles, Calif. in July/73.

☐ MR. IAN LOGAN '71-'72 is the Administrator for "New Horizons", a residence for Senior Citizens under Dovercourt Baptist Foundation.

☐ MR. GEORGE McCULLAGH, B.R.E. '69, received his M.Div. degree from Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind. on May 25, 1973.

☐ REV. WILLIAM McNEIL '61 is the minister of the Presbyterian Church in Neepawa, Man. He commenced in September, 1973.

☐ MR. & MRS. JIM MUNRO (SANDRA PERCY '69) are serving as foster parents in a group home with Crossroads Adventure under the Central Mennonite Committee in Winnipeg, Man.

☐ REV. J. ARTHUR MURFIN '43 is the Canadian Director of Trans-World Radio located in London, Ont.

☐ REV. DAVE NICHOLSON, B.Th. '60, received the M.Th. degree from Knox College, Toronto. He is pastor of Aldershot Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Ont.

☐ REV. DWIGHT L. PATTERSON, B.Th. '56 commenced his ministry at Missionary Tabernacle, Kitchener, Ont. in July, 1973.

☐ MR. JULIAN PAZIEWSKI, B.R.E. '72, began his ministry at First Baptist Church, New Hamburg, Ont.

☐ MR. BRIAN SKLAR, B.Th. '71, is pastor of Arnstein Baptist Church in Arnstein, Ont.

☐ MR. LEROY R. SOPER '56-'61, is pastoring Vankleek Hill and Breadalbane Baptist Churches.

☐ MISS SANDRA WESTON, B.R.E. '72, working with the Navigators at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

☐ MR. EARL AMBROSE, B.Th. '69, received his B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Guelph in October, 1973.

☐ MISS BEVERLEY BRATTON, B.Th. '59, has had to return from France (B.C.U.) due to a family problem, and will be hostess at Nisbet Lodge, a Christian Senior Citizens Home (Calvary Associated Gospel Church) in Toronto.

☐ REV. EDWARD BROTSKY '45 commenced his ministry at First American Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia in June, 1973.

☐ REV. GROVER CROSBY, B.Th. '68 began his ministry at Grace Church, Newmarket, Ont. on October 14, 1973.

☐ MR. GILBERT DICKINSON, B.Th. '73, is Assistant Pastor at Essex Baptist Church, Essex, Ont.

☐ REV. & MRS. HECTOR GOODALL '38 (ESTHER CAMPBELL '35) ministering at the Congregational Christian Church, Maple Rapids, Mich.

☐ REV. ROY HIRONS, B.Th. '71, commenced his ministry at Bethel Bible Church, Toronto, on October 1, 1973.

☐ REV. & MRS. JOHN KONING (MARIAN FRASER '59-'61) with Global Outreach (Holland Division) in Red Deer, Alta.

☐ REV. ALEXANDER McNALLY '54 (RUTH WILD '54) are at the Central Alliance Church, Ottawa, Ont. He commenced his ministry in September.

☐ MR. & MRS. PHILIP WELCH, B.Th. '70, with N.C.E.M. among the Micmacs in Cape Breton Island.

☐ REV. WALTER WINGER, B.Th. '60, received his M.Sc.E. from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa, in the spring of 1973.

☐ MR. MORRY WOROZBYT, B.R.E. '58, has been appointed Minister of Christian Service and Visitation Evangelism at Metropolitan Bible Church, Ottawa, as of October 1, 1973.

ON FURLOUGH

☐ MISS BERTHA BELCH '32, home from Colombia, S.A. (W.M.S.R.B.C.) in June, 1973.

☐ MR. & MRS. LES GREER '65 (NORMA KIERSTEAD '58) on furlough from Nigeria (S.I.M.). Mr. Greer is completing his B.R.E. studies this year at O.B.C.

☐ MISS MARGARET KIRK, B.Th. '59, home in New Zealand from Indonesia (O.M.F.) in May, 1973.

☐ MISS KATHLEEN MacLEOD '52, home from Ethiopia (S.I.M.) in June.

☐ REV. & MRS. JACK McKILLOP '51 (DORIS '52) came home on furlough from Jamaica (B.M.M.) in August, 1973.

☐ MISS LORRAINE SHELSTAD, B.R.E. '68 (O.M.F.) on furlough from Saiburi, Thailand in June.

☐ MISS JAN SMALL '55 (S.I.M.) home from Jos, Nigeria in June, 1973.

☐ MR. & MRS. ROY WALLACE '49 (FRANCES KERR '49) home from Bingham Academy (S.I.M.), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

☐ MISS GRACE BARTJA '49 (S.I.M.) is home on furlough from Ethiopia.

TO THE FIELD

☐ MISS MARGARET ANDREWS '71-'72 has joined the work of Operation Mobilization for a year. She is based in France.

☐ MISS GRACE BIRNIE, B.R.E. '70 (S.I.M.) on her first term of service in Dahomey, West Africa.

☐ MISS OLIVE BRITTAIN, B.R.E. '53, returned to Bangalore, India (B.M.M.) on June 29, 1973.

☐ REV. & MRS. JOHN BROTHERTON '38 (MADGE EDGSON '38-'39) returned to Chad, Africa, where they serve under T.E.A.M.

☐ MR. MARIO BRUNO, B.Th. '72, to Italy with the "Cornelius Corps" under Greater Europe Mission, for a two-year term.

☐ MR. & MRS. ROBERT COOCH '55-'58 (HELEN, B.Th. '59) have returned to Zaire to resume their work in Rethy (A.I.M.).

☐ MR. & MRS. GRAHAM COX (MERLE SONLEY '42 E.S.) returned to Nigeria under S.I.M. on September 13, 1973.

☐ MISS MURIEL DAVIS '50 returned to Jamaica in August to resume her teaching ministry at Fairview Baptist Bible College under B.M.M.

☐ MISS ZAIDA ENGLAND '39 has returned to India after furlough to resume her work at the Mission T.B. Hospital under T.E.A.M.

☐ MISS ESTHER GRANT '57 (S.I.M.) returned to Niamey, Niger Republic, after furlough.

☐ REV. & MRS. IVOR GREENSLADE, B.Th. '52 (RUTH PHILLIPS '51) returned to Peru, S.A. in September to resume their work under A.B.W.E.

☐ MISS EILEEN GREENWOOD, R.N. '51, to Indonesia to serve a two-year tour

of duty with MEDICO, a Service of CARE.

☐ MR. & MRS. ROY HARRISON '41 (MARGARET BARNEY '43) returned to Mexico in June, 1973, under W.B.T.

☐ MR. & MRS. HAROLD HIDE '48 (S.I.M.) have returned to Kagoro, Nigeria after furlough.

☐ MISS ANN HOOK, B.Th. '70, is now serving in the Ivory Coast on her first term with W.B.T.

☐ MISS FLORENCE HOUGH '36 returned to Brazil (U.F.M.) in August, 1973.

☐ MISS PAT IRWIN, B.R.E. '56 (S.I.M.) returned to Tchaourou Girls' School in Dahomey, W. Africa after furlough.

☐ MISS GRACE KEMP '56 returned to Chad in August, 1973, under T.E.A.M.

☐ MISS MARION LANKIN '51 (B.M.M.) has returned to Crampel, Central African Republic.

☐ MRS. BARBARA J. NEATH '59-'60 to Thailand with C. & M.A., July, 1973.

☐ MISS BETTY NEUMANN '68 left Canada in August for her first term of service in the Shining Hospital in Nepal under I.C.F.

☐ MISS MARGARET PETRIE '46 has returned to Zaire, Africa for eight months of service with C.M.M.L.

☐ MR. & MRS. JACK PHILLIPS '53 (S.I.M.) have returned to Kent Academy, Miango, Nigeria.

☐ MR. & MRS. DONALD PICKEL, B.Th. '68 (CAROL FISHER '65-'68) have commenced their first term of service in Colombia, S.A. under E.U.S.A.

☐ REV. & MRS. ALAN ROBERTS (DORIS GIMBY '52) have returned to Kenya, where they serve under A.I.M. with Afromedia.

☐ MR. & MRS. DAVE ROTH '67-'69 (MARGARET SUTHERLAND, B.R.E. '69) have returned to Quito, Ecuador, under W.R.M.F.

☐ DR. & MRS. MILAN SPRINGLE '72-'73 (ELIZABETH '72-'73) to work in Luampa Hospital, Zambia (A.E.F.). They left in September.

☐ MISS DENISE STRINGER, B.R.E. '65 (B.M.M.F.) returned to her work at the United Mission Hospital in Nepal.

☐ MR. & MRS. PHILIP THOMPSON, B.R.E. '71 (BARBARA, B.S.M. '71) to teach at Johannesburg Bible Institute, South Africa, under A.E.F.

☐ MR. & MRS. RAYMOND WATTS, B.Th. '61 (DINI ZUNNEBERG '58) left in August for their first term of service at Rethy Academy, Zaire, Africa (A.I.M.).

☐ MISS PATRICIA STYRAN, B.R.E. '51 (S.I.M.) has returned to medical service in Dahomey Republic, Africa.

Rev. G. Dorey, Alumni President with Class of '23, new members of Golden Mile Chapter. L-R: Rev. G. Dorey, Mr. J. Roberts Peachey, Mr. Harold Dodham, Rev. Aubrey Hunt, Rev. Victor Veary, Miss Vera Allen, Mrs. Lillian Wilson, Mrs. Ina Edwards, Mrs. Victor Veary, Miss Lillian Benner, Rev. Harold Buchner.

MARRIAGES

☐ MISS RUTH CUDMORE, B.R.E. '71, to MR. JOHN HAMBURGER at Spring Garden Baptist Church, Willowdale, Ont., July 21, 1973. MISS BARBARA GUSTAFSSON, B.R.E. '69 was Maid of Honour.

☐ MISS JUNE ESSON, B.R.E. '73, to MR. BRENTON CARTER at Newcastle United Baptist Church, Newcastle, N.B., on June 23, 1973. REV. LEW FARRELL '50 officiated and MISS BETTY PLAXTON '76 was the pianist.

☐ MISS DORIS FISCHER '53 to MR. WILLIAM WOOLEY on May 19, 1973 at Maranatha Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan.

☐ MISS CANDY HARRIS '72-'73 to MR. PAUL ADAMS '75 on August 17, 1973 at Elliott Heights Baptist Church, Hamilton, Ont. MR. TIM EATON '71-'73 was best man and MISS LINDA BOWEN '72-'73 was bridesmaid. MR. ROB GOWING '71-'72 was soloist and MR. GOWING and MISS MYRNA DORSEY '71-'72 sang at the reception.

☐ MISS JENNIE JAMIESON '70-'71 to DR. FENTON WESTON at Willowdale Baptist Church, Toronto on June 23, 1973. MISS SANDRA WESTON, B.R.E. '72 and MRS. LLOYD DRURY (MARJORIE PEARCE '70-'71) were Bridesmaids. MISS LINDA SEELEY '70-'73 and MISS ROSALYN KREICK, B.R.E. '72 assisted at the reception.

☐ MISS DOROTHY KRAHN, B.R.E. '70 to MR. ROY CHEECHOO on July 7, 1973, in Avenue Road Alliance Church, Toronto. MISS CAROLYN OADES '70 was Maid of Honour and MISS SUSAN DICKSON, B.R.E. '70 was Bridesmaid.

☐ MISS MARJORIE PEARCE '70-'71 to MR. LLOYD DRURY '74 at Stanley Ave. Baptist Church, Hamilton, Ont. on Sept. 8, 1973. MISS JUDY HEINTZ '70-'71 was Maid of Honour. MR. STEPHEN JONES, B.R.E. '73 was Best Man, and Ushers were MR. HAROLD STOUFFER, B.R.E. '73 and MR. STEPHEN FILYER, B.R.E. '73. The organist was Mr. JOHN STEVENETT, B.R.E. '73 and soloist MR. WARREN ADAMS. MR. DAVID PAVEY

Happiness is Evening School . . .

. . . with Mr. Simmonds!

'70-'71 was master of ceremonies at the reception and REV. ROBERT DUEZ spoke.

☐ MISS MARY POPE '72-Dec. '73 to MR. HUGH ROUGH '72-Dec. '73 at Wortley Baptist Church, London, Ont., August 31, 1973. REV. HAROLD JAMES '40, Executive Secretary of A.E.F. officiated. REV. W. J. WALLACE was master of ceremonies at the reception.

☐ REV. PETER JON H. K. van-EK VEENSTRA '63 to MISS MARGARET A. GILLESPIE on August 25, 1973 in St. Bride's Anglican Church, Mississauga, Ont.

☐ MISS LINDA VOGT '74 to MR. DAVID MORRISON, B.Th. '73 on August 31, 1973 in Park Ave. Church, Burlington, Ont. REV. W. SIFFT '48 officiated, assisted by REV. GLENN TAYLOR, Dean of Students. MISS ALICE PENNER '73-'74 and MISS BEVERLY PETKAU '74 were Bridesmaids. MR. GLEN DUNCAN '74 and MR. MICHAEL WALSH '69-'72 were Ushers. MISS SHARON DYCK '74 was soloist at the reception.

☐ MR. WAYNE BLACK '65-'68 to MISS BARBARA BONNIE ROSS on October 6, 1973, in Carleton Memorial United Church, Ottawa, Ont.

☐ MISS RUTH FELHABER '70-'71 to MR. GORDON ABRAHAM '75 on August 24, 1973, at Bethel Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ont. REV. GORDON RENDLE '48 officiated. MISS LOIS FELHABER '73-'74 was Maid of Honour and MISS MURIEL RENDLE '71-'72 was organist.

☐ MISS LINDA LEWIS '69-'73 to MR. STEPHEN SMITH, B.Th. '71 in Royal York Baptist Church, Weston, Ont., on October 20, 1973. REV. GORDON WRIGHT officiated, Matron of Honour was MRS. DON THEOBALD (MARLENE KERSHAW, B.R.E. '72).

O.B.C. Trio sings for the Alumni: Edith Norman, Sylvia Pitts, Lois Eagleson, Carolyn Foster, pianist.

MRS. JOHN BELL (SHARON McVETY, B.S.M. '72) and MISS SHARON ALLOWAY '73 were Bridesmaids.

☐ MISS MARYKE LEYENAAR, B.R.E. '69 to MR. PIEBE DeJONG at Williamsburg, Ont. on July 21, 1973. MISS SHIRLEY PETTUS '70 was Maid of Honour.

☐ MISS LORRAINE MORRIS, B.R.E. '73 to MR. KAMYL CADINOUCHE, B.Th. '73 on September 22, 1973, in Melrose Baptist Church, Toronto. MR. MARIO BRUNO, B.Th. '72 was Best Man. CAROL McFADDEN, B.S.M. '73 was organist, and special music was provided by the O.B.C. Trio.

☐ MISS JEAN NORWOOD, '72 to MR. GEORGE POWER at Oxford Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ont., on September 29, 1973. DR. ROY MATHESON, Academic Dean officiated. MISS AUDREY BARKER '72-'73 was Maid of Honour. MR. TOM REILLY, B.Th. '73 was Best Man and MRS. TOM REILLY, soloist.

☐ MR. JOHN STEVENETT, B.R.E. '73 to MISS PATRICIA MacPHEE at Spring Garden Baptist Church, Willowdale, on July 21, 1973. MR. STEVEN FILYER, B.R.E. '73 was Best Man. MR. STEVE JONES, B.R.E. '73 and MR. HAROLD STOUFFER, B.R.E. '73 were Ushers. Soloist was MISS SHARON MARKHAM, B.S.M. '72; organist was MISS WENDY FISHER, B.S.M. '72 and pianist, MISS MYRNA DORSEY '72-'73.

☐ MISS ELSIE WALLINGTON '61 to MR. BRUCE HOPE on July 28, 1973 in Toronto.

☐ MISS LYNN WHITLOCK, B.R.E. '71 to MR. GRANT HINCHLIFFE on September 29, 1973 at Calvary Associated Gospel Church in Toronto. MISS MURIEL BARBER, B.R.E. '71 and MISS MARGARET OLNEY '69-'70 were Bridesmaids. MR. GORDON HAMILTON, B.S.M. '66 was soloist.

☐ MR. BRIAN MAXWELL, B.R.E. '73 to MISS HEATHER FOSTER '71-'72 at Camp Mini-Yo-We, Port Stanley, Ont., on October 6, 1973. MISS NANCY McGOWAN '71-'72 was Maid of Honour and DOUG BARNES, B.R.E. '72 was Usher.

BIRTHS

☐ To MR. & MRS. RONALD ANGER, B.R.E. '72 (ELIZABETH BARBER, B.R.E. '72) a son, Timothy Ronald, June 5, in Burlington, Ont.

☐ To MR. & MRS. GARY CARTER, B.Th. '70 (WENDY ERICSSON, B.R.E. '70) a daughter, Rebekah Anne, May 1, in Owen Sound, Ont.

Dr. & Mrs. Boehmer and Mrs. V. Adrian at Alumni Banquet.

☐ To MR. & MRS. EVAN CRAIG, B.R.E. '70 (KATHY SPEERS, B.R.E. '71) a daughter, Shelley Lynne, on July 15, in Niagara Falls, Ont.

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☐ To MR. & MRS. DAVID MORRIS (ANGELA SMART, B.Th. '66) a son, Nathan John, May 26, in Lebanon.

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☐ To MR. & MRS. GRANVILLE RAPHAEL, B.R.E. '72 (YVONNE '72-'73) a daughter, Ruth Naomi, July 25, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

☐ To MR. & MRS. KENNETH SADLER (LYNN HATTON '68) a son, Paul Richard, on July 29, in Scarborough, Ont.

☐ To MR. & MRS. NOEL DUNCAN '60-'61, a chosen daughter, Andrea Leslie, born March 28.

☐ To MR. & MRS. KENNETH BARRON (LOIS McNAIRN, B.R.E. '66) a son, Andrew Robert, on September 26, in Port Perry, Ont.

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☐ To MR. & MRS. JOHN IBBOTSON, B.R.E. '70 (WENDY CARTER, B.R.E. '70) a son, Timothy John, in Transvaal, S. Africa, on September 18.

DEATHS

☐ REV. FRANCIS W. HASKINS, E.C. '20, in Penticton, B.C., June 23, 1973.

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A SPECIAL REVIEW

Knowing God, by J. I. Packer, InterVarsity Press, $5.95.

"It seems to me providential that the publication of *Knowing God* coincided more or less with the tenth anniversary of the publication of *Honest to God*, for I do not hesitate to say that this book is as fruitful as that was barren.

"Dr. Packer is aware that our age—perhaps more than any other—needs to recover its lost consciousness of God. For the modern spirit "spawns great thoughts of man and leaves room for small thoughts only of God." Indeed, the basic conviction underlying his new book is "that ignorance of God . . . lies at the root of much of the church's weakness today." We are "pigmy Christians" because we have a pigmy God.

"The book is divided into three parts: 1. "Know the Lord" (the why and the how of the study of God); 2. "Behold your God" (the longest section, 11 chapters on the attributes of God) and 3. "If God be for us . . ." (in which the doctrine of God is related to our lives as Christians). These last five chapters I found the most moving and stimulating. Those entitled "the Heart of the Gospel" and "Sons of God" are the finest exposition of the gospel and its consequences which I have read for a long time. Dr. Packer magnifies the grace of God and the immense privilege of being His adopted sons.

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"*I commend it to Christian laymen* who want to know God better, to think theologically and to apply the great doctrines of Scripture to the issues and concerns of every day. *I commend it to Christians who would not call themselves evangelical.* This book will help you to understand us because it will help you to understand the God we worship and the gospel we believe. *I commend it to clergy.*"

John R. W. Stott

IS IT THE ARK?

"The Ark awaits,
Lord,
The Ark waits on Your will,
And the sign of Your peace.
The Ark waits,
Lord;
It has endured.
Let me carry it
A sprig of hope and joy,
And put, at the heart of its forsakenness,
This, in which your love clothes me,
Grace immaculate."

(from "Prayers From The Ark" by Carmen Bernos de Gasztold and quoted by J. W. Montgomery in The Quest for Noah's Ark.)

Have you ever questioned the Biblical account of the flood? Or Noah's skill as a marine engineer who could plan and build a stable, sea-worthy craft? Or have you intellectually subscribed to the "mythology" interpretation of this account?

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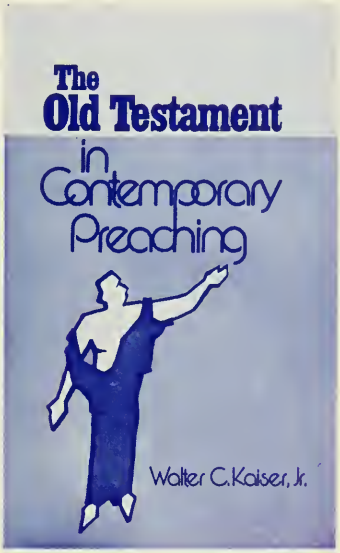

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TORONTO	Immanuel Baptist Church	Jan. 13 p.m.
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TORONTO	Queensway Baptist Church	Jan. 13 p.m.
WOODSTOCK	Musical Rally, Oxford St. Baptist	Jan. 19
TILLSONBURG	North Broadway Baptist Church	Jan. 20 a.m.
WOODSTOCK	Huron Park Baptist Church	Jan. 20 p.m.
HAMILTON	Lake Gospel Church	Jan. 20 a.m.
TORONTO	Churchill Heights Baptist Church	Jan. 20 p.m.
TORONTO	Avenue Road Alliance Church	Feb. 3 a.m.
TORONTO	Blythewood Baptist Church	Feb. 3 p.m.
PETERBOROUGH	Salvation Army	Feb. 3 a.m.
SCARBOROUGH	Wesley Chapel	Feb. 3 p.m.
TORONTO	Yonge St. Alliance	Feb. 10 a.m.
TORONTO	High Park Baptist Church	Feb. 10 p.m.
TORONTO	Leaside Bible Chapel	Feb. 24 a.m.
WHITBY	Faith Baptist Church	Feb. 24 p.m.
WATERLOO	First Baptist Church	Mar. 3 a.m.
GUELPH	Calvary Baptist Church	Mar. 3 p.m.
TORONTO	Downsview Baptist Church	Mar. 3 a.m.
TORONTO	Royal York Baptist Church	Mar. 3 p.m.
PETERBOROUGH	Musical Rally, Church of the Open Bible	Mar. 9
TORONTO	Peoples Church	Mar. 10 p.m.
COBOURG & DISTRICT		Mar. 16 & 17
SHERKSTON	Brethren In Christ	Mar. 17 a.m.
MISSISSAUGA	Erin Mills Baptist Church	Mar. 17 p.m.
NIAGARA FALLS	Musical Rally, Grace Gospel Church	Mar. 30
FONTHILL	Fonthill Baptist Church	Mar. 31 a.m.
WELLAND	Calvary Baptist	Mar. 31 p.m.

The item on WORDS, WORDS in the last issue of the Recorder produced some response. And some humour. For your delectation, here is one funny item you may enjoy playing with.

BAFFLE-GAB THESAURUS

As any self-respecting bureaucrat knows, it is bad form indeed to use a single, simple word when six or seven obfuscating ones will do.

But where is the phrase-maker to turn if he is hung up for what Horace called "words a foot and a half long"? Simple. Just glance at the Systematic Buzz Phrase Projector, or S.B.P.P.

The S.B.P.P. has aptly obscure origins but appears to come from a Royal Canadian Air Force listing of fuzzy phrases. A sort of mini-thesaurus of baffle-gab, it consists of a three-column list of 30 over-used but appropriately portentous words. Whenever you need an oblique phrase, you need only think of a three-digit number—any one will do as well as the next—and select one corresponding "buzz words" from each column. For example, 257 produces **"systematized logistical projection,"** which has the ring of absolute authority and means absolutely nothing. Like some sermons we listen to!

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